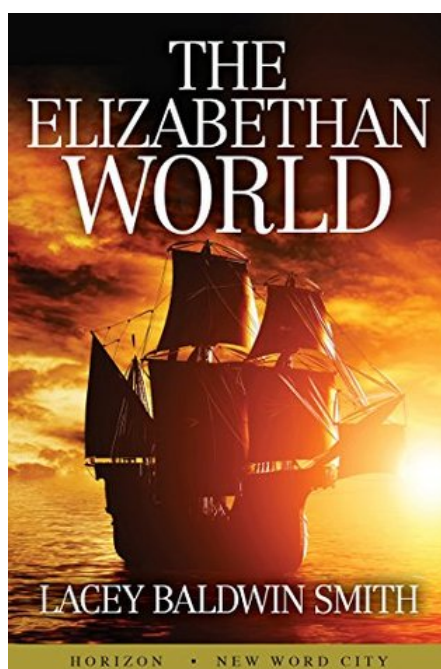




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The Elizabethan World was a world remade. At the dawn of the sixteenth century, Europe was emerging from an age of ignorance and uncertainty. New lands were being discovered and old ones revitalized. People abandoned the ideals of medieval times to make startling advances in technology, science, and art. Here, award-winning historian Lacey Baldwin Smith vividly brings to life the story of Queen Elizabeth - perhaps the most influential sovereign in England's history - and the age she created.

During her reign, Queen Elizabeth, last of the Tudor monarchs, presided over developments that still shape and inform our lives and culture today, including her patronage of William Shakespeare, the formation of the Church of England, victory over the Spanish Armada, even the execution of Mary Queen of Scots. Smith's keen eye for detail and sense of how those details have echoed through the centuries make this book essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how history works.

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Jim Swike says

Lacey Baldwin Smith gives a detailed and interesting history of this period. A very good reference book as well. Enjoy!

Penny says

An excellent book for those wanting to understand the dynamics of European politics and religious conflicts during the later portion of the 1500's, a period concurrent with the reign of Elizabeth I and an age named for the English Queen. The text does not focus solely on England.

I read this after Mary Tudor: Princess, Bastard, Queen and it was a great follow up.

Simon says

Lacey Baldwin Smith was everything I wanted to be when I went into history as an undergraduate, and this book is a fair example of why. He writes with an elegance that resembles Garrett Mattingly's, and his insights into the Tudors are penetrating and illuminating. This appreciation of Elizabethan England is episodic rather than linear, and rather more military/political than economic. It also covers more than Elizabeth's realm, with cogent analyses of France and Spain. If the period interests you at all, this book will be an excellent read.

Susan says

I will be honest. I did not make it far into this book. It read like a stream of consciousness that could never, within chapters or paragraphs, settle on the point. If I had been required to read this book for a history class, it would have put me off history. I simply could not read it. You may love it, but I did not.

Summer says

I enjoyed this book. However, it took me almost a year off and on to finish it. It is a very heavy "History" book and is written in a very academic and scholarly manner. If you are a huge history buff or a massive fan of the Tudor Era/ Elizabethan Era you will enjoy it. There is little story telling and a lot of fact telling. The flow got very slow at times, hence my reasoning for taking so long to read it off and on for a year. In the end it was shown that the author did an immense amount of research, and the book was very informative.

Jean says

A terrific, insightful overview of the 16th century related in an approachable, entertaining style. I especially love LBS' voice. He makes history come alive in a lovely amalgamation of broad analysis and whimsical trivia.

Fred says

I must admit that this is my favourite age in British history. So I devoured this book and went back several times to re-read sections that were of particular interest to me. Baldwin Smith has organized this book in such a clear logical way, it was such a pleasure to read. The divisions in the church with Loyola and the Jesuits on one side, and Luther, Calvin and Knox on the other was so clear. The three kingdoms in rivalry, Spain, France and England and the characters in England (Raleigh, Drake, Hawkins) were all fascinating. This is truly a case of fact being stranger than fiction. Loved this book!

David says

A well-written tome. Good academic overview of the events of Good Queen Bess' time on the throne.

Title is a bit misleading. The book wasn't about the world during Elizabeth's reign, but instead focused more on specific issues and events of Elizabeth's reign.
